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SUBJECT: PCE'S CAMACHO IN EASTERN EUROPE MOSCOW

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1. FOR THE RECORD, PCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER AND SPANISH WORKERS COMMISSIONS (SWC) LEADER MARCELINO CAMACHO HAS FOLLOWED UP HIS RECENT ROME DECALARATION OF PCE AFFILIATION (REFTEL) WITH A HEGIRA TO BELGRADE, PRAGUE, AND MOSCOW. SPANISH PRESS COVERAGE OF HIS TRIP HAS BEEN SLIGHT.

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2. IN BELGRADE, ON AUGUST 13, CAMACHO REPORTEDLY STATED INTER ALIA, THAT:
THE PCE'S STRUGGLE IN SPAIN WILL TAKE THREE STAGES, THE FIGHT FOR DEMOCRACY, THE STRUGGLE AGAINST MONOPOLY, AND THE ATTAINMENT OF SOCIALISM:
THE PCE WANTS TO DEVELOP ITS OWN PATH, IT MAY DRAW CERTAIN LESSONS, WITH COPYING THEM, FROM OTHERS; SELF MANAGEMENT IN SOCIALISM CERTAINLY IS AN EXPERIENCE OF POSITIVE VALUE. THE PCE DEFINES "PROLETARIAT " TO INCLUDE WHITE COLLAR WORKERS, INTELLECTUALS AND ANYONE "LIVING FROM HIS SALARY AND
THE YUGOSLAV TRADE UNIONS TAKE FIRST PLACE AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE AIDED THE SWC.

3. AFTER A REPORTEDLY BRIEF STOPOVER IN PRAGUE CAMACHO (AND HIS WIFE) ARRIVED IN MOSCOW ON AUGUST 15. AT THE INVITATION OF THE SOVIET LABOR LEADERSHIP. HE REPORTEDLY WAS ACCORDED RED CARPET TREATMENT AND MET WITH HIGH LEVEL SOVIET LABOR FIGURES. THE RATHER SUPERFICIAL AND EXTREMELY BRIEF SPANISH PRESS COVERAGE OF THE VISIT MENTIONS LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE CONCERNING CAMACHO'S MOSCOW CONTACTS, ALTHOUGH QUOTING A TASS REPORT THAT CAMACHO SPOKE OF STRENGTHENING SOVIET BONDS WITH THE SWC AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL LABOR QUESTIONS. THE SPANISH PRESS REPORTS THAT HE PLACED THE RITUAL WREATH ON LENIN'S TOMB AN, IN A INTERVIEW ON SOVIET TELEVISION, EXPRESSED HIS PLEASURE AT VISITING THE "THE FIRST SOCIALIST STATE" AND HIS GRATITUDE FOR THE SOLIDARITY OF THE SOVIET TRADE UNIONS WITH THE STRUGGLE OF THE SPANISH PEOPLE AND FOR THE USSR'S ACCEPTANCE OF AND CARE FOR THE CHILDREN OF SPANISH COMMUNISTS WHO WERE SENT TO THE SOVIET UNION DURING AND AFTER THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR.

4. COMMENT. CAMACHO'S TRIP HAS LARGELY BEEN A MEDIA NON EVENT. EVEN EDITORIAL COMMENT HAS BEEN SPARSE AND RATHER MUTED. A FEW WRITERS HAVE POINTILY REMINDED THEIR READERSHIP THAT HERE IS THE MAN WHO ONLY A FEW WEEKS AGO WAS INSISTING THAT HE WAS A NON PARTY LABOR LEADER INTERESTED ONLY IN BETTERING THE LOT OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WORKING MAN, AND THAT SUCH DUPLICITY IS TO BE EXPECTED OF COMMUNISTS. THE VAST MAJORITY, HOWEVER HAVE AVOIDED ANY REFERENCE TO CAMACHO'S EASTERN SWING ALTOGETHER. IT IS NO SECRET THAT COMMUNIST DOMINATED SWC, RECEIVE EXTENSIVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE WFTU AND COMMUNIST LABOR SOURCES IN FRANCE, ITALY AND EASTERN EUROPE. ACCORDING TO ONE VERY WELL INFORMED SPANISH FREE LABOR SOURCE WITH CLOSE CONNECTIONS TO THE

IMF, THE BULK OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE TO THE SWC COMES
FROM "EAST BERLIN AND MOSCOW". ANY INSIGHTS WHICH
EMBASSIES BELGRADE, PRAGUE OR MOSCOW CAN PROVIDE ON
CAMACHO'S VISITS AND CONTACTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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